

HOUSE RESOLUTION 160

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Danielle Huey for her achievements.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young people who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy young person is Danielle Huey of Clarksville who, over the past five years, has been involved with showing dogs in both the juniors division and the regular conformation competition of the American Kennel Club; and

WHEREAS, Miss Huey started showing dogs in March 2007, beginning with her grandfather's beautiful labrador retriever; and

WHEREAS, in April 2007, Danielle's grandfather bought her a majestic toy fox terrier, which she began showing in the conformation and junior rings that July; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years, Miss Huey has qualified to compete in the Eukanuba/American Kennel Club Tournament of Champions and in the Westminster Dog Show; and

WHEREAS, in order to be invited to compete in the Eukanuba/American Kennel Club Tournament of Champions Junior Division, an individual must have five first place wins within her class division and must have an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher for at least two semesters prior to the show; and

WHEREAS, in regular conformation, where juniors compete against adults, including professionals, there are two ways to be invited: an individual must have a dog ranked in the top twenty-five dogs within its breed in the nation or the individual has to have earned a title with a dog that she bred and owns; and

WHEREAS, this year, Miss Huey earned an invitation to compete in the juniors division and in regular conformation with two dogs that she bred and owns; and

WHEREAS, in order to compete in the juniors division of the Westminster Dog Show, a junior must have ten first place wins, and to compete in the regular conformation, a junior must have a champion title on her dog; this year, Danielle has earned the right to compete in conformation with three dogs; and

WHEREAS, Miss Huey's skills as a handler have earned her the respect of numerous professional handlers and owners, who have asked for her assistance if they have more than one dog that has to be shown at the same time; and

WHEREAS, recently, Danielle was asked to help show a miniature dachshund for an owner, and she won Best of Breed with the dog at a show in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, in Decatur, Alabama, Miss Huey was asked by a professional handler to help show one of two Australian shepherds, and she won the Winners Dog category over the handler's other dog; and

WHEREAS, Danielle has earned or helped earn titles of champion on several dogs, including four that she owns or co-owns with another person; and

WHEREAS, Miss Huey is now starting to train two new precious puppies that she and her grandfather have bred, and she will begin showing them in March 2012; and

WHEREAS, Danielle is currently a freshman in high school and has been accepted into the Science, Technologies, Engineering, and Mathematics program, in which she is maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher while still managing to train and compete with her canine companions in various shows; and

WHEREAS, Miss Huey's noteworthy success is a tremendous source of pride for her family and her community; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Huey epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect and admiration of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Danielle Huey upon her stellar achievements, commend her estimable dog handling and showing skills, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.